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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Dr. Roger Casey PhD, LCSW
Director, Grant/Per Diem Program
VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program
Office of Mental Health Services (116E) VAHQ
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Dr. Casey:

It is my pleasure to support Family and Community Services, Inc., in its efforts to secure funding through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program.

If awarded, funding will be used to address transitional housing and supportive services needs of veterans in Ohio's Summit County. The Freedom House currently provides programming with the assistance of the Veterans Administration's Grant and Per Diem Program. New funding would allow Family and Community Services, Inc. to extend the program to Summit County.

It is my hope that Family and Community Services, Inc., will continue to assist veterans in need and be afforded the opportunity to expand their services to homeless veterans in Summit County.

Please give serious consideration to the funding application from Family and Community Services, Inc. I ask that you keep my office informed of the status of this application and any decisions made in the awards process.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator

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